# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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JATROPHA CULTIVATION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has earmarked 40 hectares of waste land for cultivation of Jatropha to produce bio fuel;

(b) if so, whether the plants will be cultivated through some Government Agency or through private organizations;

(c) the percentage of bio-diesel being produced in the country as against total consumption;

(d) the area of land under Jatropha cultivation in the country, State-wise;

(e) the number of bio diesel production plants in the country, State-wise;

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up National Bio Fuel Development Board;and

(g) if so, the details thereof and incentives given to farmers for the cultivation of bio fuel crops?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government of Rajasthan has identified 40495 hectares of waste land for cultivation of Jatropha. Jatropha cultivation in waste land is proposed to be undertaken through Self -Help Groups (SHGs), Gram Panchayats and Co-operative Societies.

(c): As the production of bio-diesel is yet to start in an organized manner in the country, no authentic data about the production of bio-diesel is available.

(d): The plantation of Jatropha has been undertaken by National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD)Board under Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds Scheme in the country. The details of state-wise Jatropha plantations undertaken by the Board are given at Annexure.

(e): The Government has not installed any bio-diesel production plant in the country.

(f) & (g): There is a proposal before the Government for setting up of the National Bio Fuel Development Board to oversee the implementation of National Bio-fuel Policy in coordination with all the concerned Ministries/Departments, States and various other stakeholders. Beneficiaries including farmers are to be encouraged to undertake plantations that provide the feedstock for bio-diesel, bio-ethanol and other bio-fuels.